should not be penalised like this. The Government should immediately intervene and instruct the concerned State Governments to desist these bodies to keep away from these cottage Industries, like KVIC and its branches. Instead, these agencies should try to render support to these industries.

SHRI BHOGNDRA JHA (Madhubani): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, tomorrow the Prime Minister of our friendly and fraternal country, Nepal, is coming here. Nature, history, culture, language and even blood have bound us together. For the last few decades - I am talking of our side - we have been dealing with Nepal at administrative and sometimes even at political level as if it is tit for tat. I simply want to stress upon our Government that we must treat Nepal in a friendly and fraternal manner realising very well, as we do, that are many problems which cannot be solved unilaterally on the floor of the House, you can employ the avenues kept open in the Rules of Procedure. That we can always do. Now I am calling Mr. Vandayar.

SHRI TARIT TOPDAR: You ask the concerned Minister to make a statement, Sir.....(*Interruptions*).

AN HON. MEMBER: On a point of order, Sir....(*Interruptions*).

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: During Zero Hour there is no point of order, it is known. We are nearing one o'clock now. If we deviate from the list, then we will not be doing justice to those who have taken the pains of going to the office and getting their names listed. So, let us have some patience.

SHRI E. AHAMED: Sir, in view of the fact that the hon. Member is sitting on *satyagraha*, the Chair may direct at least the Parliamentary Affairs Minister to respond to it, now or later.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Ahamed, you have been a Minister, whenever such a matter came to your notice, certainly you rushed to the spot to solve the problem. The Treasury Benches are also equally anxious to solve the problem.

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Sir, I will bring it to the notice of the Commerce Minister.

SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR (Thanjavur): Sir, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission's units set up under the direct supervision of the Government are being harassed by various.. Particularly the issue of harnessing of river waters, construction of multi-purpose projects, trade tariffs etc. should be taken up. We have to take into account the susceptibility and the sensitivity of the younger and small neighbour - Nepal- and keeping that in view all these issues must be sorted out. The present Government, the Prime Minister must - the Leader of the House is sitting here - take into account all these aspects and definite agreement should be arrived at on the issue of multi-purpose dams over river Kosi which alone will generate 33 K.W. of hidel power. Agreements must be finalised about 'Karnali', Pancheswar and Bhagmati. In the year 1981 the project reports were sent. But till now the agreement has not been arrived at. I think that both the countries are suffering. In the mutual interest of both the countries all these agreements should be finalised and there should be no pinpricks, or tit-for-tat attitude. I am sure this House welcomes our fraternal neighbour Nepal.

SHRI P.M. SAYEED (Lakshadweep) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I will be very brief. I am thankful that you have honoured your commitment. I wanted to raise this issue yesterday because the hon. Minister of Home Affairs was sitting here. This pertains to a serious matter concerning my constituency, Lakshadweep. You had no occasion to visit. It is a no-industry area. There are nearly 800-

odd posts vacant and the Administration is making no effort to fill the vacancies. Acute unemployment problem is the and it is likely to burst at any time. We are in this House and we should do something.

SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR: It should be decided at the State level.

SHRI P.M. SAYEED: For recruiting the police force, only 50 per cent of the posts are filled by the people from Lakshadweep and the Administration wants to bring people from outside for the remaining 50 per cent. In these days of price rise, we will only be inviting them to revolt against the State, by such action. When Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad was a Minister of State, a decision was taken in the Home Minister's Advisory Committee in this regard. Shri M.M. Jacob also endorsed by point that it will not be repeated.

I may submit that in this month, from the 16th December, they are again going to recruit people on the same pattern. I request that I may not be compelled to take any extreme step - even sitting in the well of the House - in this regard. I want the hon. Home Minster to give a direction to the Administrator of Lakshadweep to fill the existing vacancies immediately and 100 per cent recruitment to the police force must be from the people of Lakshadweep and not from the mainland. If this is not done, I am afraid of what will happen. The Minister of State for Home Affairs is from Kerala. I am afraid the otherwise harmonious and good relations between Lakshadweep and Kerala may also be affected adversely unless he gives such a direction to the Administrator. I want the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and other senior Ministers present here to convey it to the hon. Home Minister so that an immediate message goes to the Administrator. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are 17 other persons to speak. Kindly cut short your submissions and allow others also to speak. Be shortest at the short.

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME (Birbhum): Sir, I want to bring to the notice of this House and to the Government about a matter of urgent public importance. It is understood that the public distribution system in our capital metropolis has nearly collapsed. Even essential items like wheat and rice not supplied adequately and also supplied very irregularly. It has come in yesterday's newspapers that the Government of India is going to sell in the free market about six lakh tonnes of wheat when our public distribution system is nearly at a stage of collapsing. What is the policy of this Government, Sir? So, I ask the Government to immediately stop this kind of a thing so that the Public Distribution System does not get collapsed.

SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY (Krishnagar): Sir, it has appeared in today's Economic Times that the Vishwa Hindu Parishad along with Ram Janambhoomi Seva Samity has planned to hoist saffron flags on the top of the disputed shrine in Ayodhya on January 8, 1992. Sir, this programme, as reported, will be conducted with the consent of the B.J.P Government in U.P. and during the preparatory period also the Government is being consulted at every stage. Sir, it is a dangerous thing because it is a deliberate attempt to communalise the entire situation once again and the State Government of a secular country is associating itself with this communal programme in flagrant violation on the Directive Principle of the Constitution and the verdict of the court. So, it is a matter of deep concern and I would request the Government to respond to this important subject.

SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARAYA (Jadavpur): The Minister should respond to it, Sir.

SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY: Sir, it